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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to APPEAL an Administrator's Decision from the Universal Service Administrative Company. A copy of their denial letter is attached. As directed by the decision letter please note: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21.

In the decision letter, it basically states that the form 486 was filed late. I have attached a copy of the original Form 486 submission, dated October 19, 2001. This date was well within the 120 window noted in the denial letter.

The USAC is basing their decision on a second Form 486 submission that identified the change in company name. This second submission was done per a directive from USAC personnel.

As a result of this denial, the children of the East Haddam Public Schools have been denied their proper entitlement to \$1,317.60, which could be used to purchase a computer.

I would appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

Sincerely

Robert Carroll
Business Manager

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